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Our community is planning for spring! Visit OFW's Community Calendar for more news.

**Girls Scouts of Kentuckiana turn 100!**  
They're having a Birthday Party: March 12th, 4-6pm!  
**RSVP:** Rachel Ray 636-0900

In honor of International Women's Day: [Alliance for Girls Community Round-table Luncheon](#) will be held on March 8, 2012 from 11:30am-1:00pm at Spalding University.

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Don't forget the **3rd Women's Citizens Police Academy**. (Page 2). Registrations are coming in—and space is limited.

**Women's Business Center:** [1st Friday Women's Roundtable "Let Go to Grow?"](#)  
March 2nd, 8:30am

## Legislative News— 2012 Session

Contributed by: Tania Lynch

You may be interested to know about some of the issues our legislators are currently considering ...

- [Senate Bill 44](#). On January 3rd, SB44 was introduced in the Senate. This Bill seeks to amend KY's definition of domestic violence to include individuals in dating relationships. This will allow victims of dating violence to seek protective orders. Currently, protective orders can only be filed by individuals who have been married, live together, or have children together.



For More Information:  
[No1@risk](#) a coalition working to pass this legislation in the 2012 General Assembly, is on [Facebook](#). You can find out more at the [Mary Byron Project](#) and in this [news article](#).

- [House Bill 350](#). In order to more effectively address the issue of human trafficking, HB350 seeks to make amendments to strengthen current human trafficking law. Some important components include establishing a KY state police human trafficking unit and to provide training to police and victim advocates. It also seeks to establish a victim's fund to provide more resources for victims, which would be funded by increased fines and assets seized by people convicted of human trafficking. HB350 also includes measures to provide more protection and services to minors who have been trafficked and to increase penalties for individuals who patronize minors for prostitution.

To find out how to contact your legislator(s), review bills and amendments or track their progress, go to the [Kentucky Legislature's website](#).

## Volunteerism: Many opportunities to "Give a Day"

Contributed by: Haylee Beggs

As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." The Louisville community has definitely taken this point to heart. With the awesome success of last year's Week of Service in the city of Louisville (over 8,000 volunteers), Mayor Fischer is determined to prove Louisville is the most compassionate community around. This year, "[Give a Day](#)" has been made an official Kentucky Derby Festival event in order to get ever more volunteers out in the community.

[The New York Times](#) reports that all volunteerism is good, but the projects that involve service-learning actually make a difference in our lives. Participants who volunteer get much more out of the work they do if there is a way to discuss and question the larger issues involved. Similarly, the [Corporation for National & Community Service](#)

reports that with the benefits of volunteering come the bonuses of feeling as if we have solved problems, strengthened communities, improved the lives of others, connected to others, and transformed our own lives. Research even shows that volunteering can lead to health benefits. According to a study done by the Corporation for National & Community Service, [those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression](#) than those who did not volunteer.

The proven health and social benefits of volunteering give us the perfect reason to sign up for events like Give a Day 2012. There is no time like the present to give back to the community that has given us so much.

To get involved in Give a Day 2012, click [here](#).

### [International Women's Day](#)

**When:** March 8th, 2012, 6:00-8:00 pm

**Where:** Red Barn

**FREE:** Please RSVP @ [louisville.edu/peace](http://louisville.edu/peace)

The event will feature the piece, "[Revisiting the Dinner Party: A Place at the Table](#)," created by students from the Hite Art

Institute. There will also be multiple opportunities presented to give back to women in our local community and across the world.

Men are encouraged to attend! Women can **BYOG**- "Bring Your Own Guy" Men- honor a strong woman in your life! We will have a women's history trivia challenge just for you, so brush up on your trivia game.



In our first February e-NEWS we highlighted Black History Month and Georgia Powers, the first African American woman to be a senator from Kentucky. In this newsletter, we decided to highlight other African American women from Kentucky who have impacted our state through their work as scientists, artists, activists, teachers, physicians, and in many other ways.

Elmer Lucille Allen is an excellent example of one such woman. In her 80+ years of life she has made significant strides in both art and science. Elmer was the first African American chemist at Brown-Forman Distillery. In her 70's, she decided to switch paths completely and pursue a career in the arts; Elmer received a graduate arts degree from the University of Louisville.

Not only is she a grandmother and breast cancer survivor, but her work has also been featured at the Jackson Art Gallery at Kentucky State University, Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest, Actors Theatre of Louisville, the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, the State Capitol in Frankfort and elsewhere. She is also the subject of the 2003 play, *She Moves Like the Wind*, by Nancy Gall -Clayton. What an inspiring woman! To learn more about her life and accomplishments, click [here](#).

Judge Denise Clayton is another "first" among black women in Louisville. She became the first black woman appointed to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in October 2007. Judge Clayton had served Jefferson County as chief circuit judge for seven years before her appointment to the Court of Appeals; she was the first black woman to be a Kentucky Circuit Court judge. She also previously served as chief regional circuit judge for the Metro Region, as well as Jefferson County District Court, Family Court, and Drug Court. Before she became a judge in 1996, Judge Clayton spent nine years in private practice and was the Legal Aid Society of Louisville's associate director.

# Women's Citizen Police

April 5—June 21,

## Louisville Metro Police Department



During these 12 weeks participants will:

- ⇒ Tour LMPD Headquarters
- ⇒ Learn about specialized units:
  - Domestic Violence
  - Crimes Against Children
  - Crimes Against Seniors
  - Public Integrity
  - K-9, Mounted Police and SWATT
- ⇒ Participate in a self-defense class
- ⇒ Increase your knowledge of:
  - Internet Predators
  - Firearms Automated Training Systems
  - Tasers
  - LMPD Professional Standards
  - Block Watch Organization
  - Scamming and Identity Theft

### What:

Women's Citizen Police Academy  
Free 12 Week Course

### When:

April 5-June 21, 2012  
Every Thursday evening  
7:00-9:30pm

### Where:

Locations will vary so attendees will be familiar with the different LMPD facilities throughout Metro.

### Participants will also engage in additional activities:

- ♦ Ride along on patrol
- ♦ Tour of Coroner's Office
- ♦ Jail Tour

**Registrations will be limited to 25.  
Walk-ins will not be accepted.**

**[Click Here](#) to request an  
application by March 19th**

Her drive for social justice is clearly shown in her work as chairwoman for the Commission on Racial Fairness, as member of the Louisville Bar Association, Louisville Black Lawyers Association, Women Lawyers Association, and Focus Louisville. Judge Clayton is also on the board of directors for the Coalition for the Homeless and is involved in several other charitable organizations. She has received several awards for her work, including the Public Advocate Award and the Champion for Children Award from Shawnee High School. To read more about this outstanding woman, click [here](#). (Contributed by: Haylee Beggs)